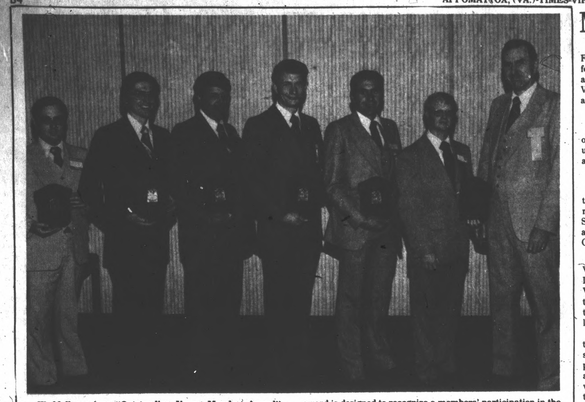

Waddell receives "Outstanding Young Member Award" - Bobby K. Waddell, vocational agriculturll teacher at Appomattox public schools, has received the "Outstanding Young Member Award" sponsored by United States Steel Corporation annually. Waddell, second from the right, is shown after receiving his award from Robert R. Rowe, Light Construction Industry, U. S. Steel Corporation, Fittsburg, Pa, on the right above. The award is designed to recognize a members' participation in the professional activities of NVATA and is limited to one member from each NVATA Region. It is open only to vocational agricultural teachers who have taught at least three but not more than five years. The 1979 award recipients were recognized during the 31st NVATA National Convention held in Anaheim, California Nov. 30 - Dec. 4.

Mountain lion sightings reported in Virginia

The Southern Piedmont Forage Conference is scheduled for January 31 at the Education and Cultural Center, Chatham, Virginia. Programs will be available in a few days.

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A new state label has been obtained for flue cured tobacco using Orthene for grasshopper and cutworm control for 1980.

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There is mounting evidence that the Mountain Lion may be making a comeback in Virginia. Sightings Have been reported at Potts Mountain, Peaks of Otter and Dismal Swamp.

The U. S. Wildlife Services, Virginia Game Commission and Department of Biology at Virginia Tech working cooperatively are attempting to verify the presence of the mountain lion.

Anyone who believes that they have sighted this animal should report the account. In particular, we need to obtain an accurate description of what was seen--description of noise the animal may have made--location and protection of tracks or droppings--damage to livestock or other wild animals.

We have the appropriate forms to be completed and will assist those requiring help.

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"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Two county commodity organizations elected new leadership groups this past week.

The Appomattox Cattlemen's Association has Chris Largiader, President; George Shorter, Vice President; John O. Harrison, Secretary; Bill Williamson, Treasurer. Directors are Archer Webb and Boyd Thompson.

The Appomattox Dairymen's Association will have the following as their officers for 1980: President John Hix; Vice President R. M. Harris; Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Torrence.

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There are some things to keep in mind as you prepare for a 1980 tobacco crop and possible blue mold infestation:

1. No variety has any worthwhile resistance to blue mold. A few varieties are more severely damaged than others.

2. Blue mold is currently active in Cuba and South Florida.

3. All plant beds should be treated on a routine basis.

4. It is not advisable to use the 1979 crop field for tobacco again in 1980. However, if there is no alternative, the land should be plowed as early as possible and all tobacco stubbles and refuse covered well.

5. The early warning system will advise of any field treatments to be taken before the blue mold reaches the area.

6. A label for Ridomil (a very effective experimental fungicide) does not look favorable at this time, but there is still hope.

7. Stalks from the 1979 crop should not be left piled up or put on land to go in tobacco in 1980. All tobacco refuse should be cleaned out of barns and spread with the stalks or plowed under.

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Adult volunteers receive recognition at 4-H banquet

HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

The annual 4-H Awards Banquet was held this past Monday evening in the cafeteria of ACHS. Many 4-H'ers received special recognition for their work in various project areas. In addition, businesses and civic organizations who provide financial support for 4-H activities were recognized.

Three adult volunteer leaders were awarded special certificates for their contribution to the Appomattox 4-H program. Recognized for their 4-H work were Mrs. Elaine Stanley, Mrs. Cindy Thomas and Mrs. Janet Morgan.

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The first meeting of a new 4-H Egg Grading Team will be held in the Extension Office on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 3:30 p.m. All 4-H members who are interested in a new, exciting area of learning to judge interior and exterior qualities of eggs are invited to take part in this practice session.

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All 4-H Achievement Records from Senior members must be completed and in the Extension Office by Tuesday, Jan. 29.

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Special Public Speaking workshops will be held at Appomattox Elementary School in the library on Thursday, Jan. 24; Tuesday, Jan. 29 and Thursday, Jan. 31. The workshops will begin at 3:30 p.m. It will be conducted by members of the Appomattox 4-H Teen Leader Club. 4-H'ers are welcome to attend and participate in these workshops which will provide them with a chance to practice their speeches and receive special assistance.

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Appomattox County will participate in 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake during the week of June 16-20. Our 4-H'ers will again camp with 4-H'ers from Nottoway County.

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The deadline for 4-H Pine Seedling orders is February 1. Please try to have all seedling orders in by this date.

Elliott completes training

Mark A. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Elliott, Route 1, Spout Spring, Va., recently completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualifies the soldier as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Ackers stationed in Texas

Spec. 4 Ralph C. Ackers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Ackers, Route 3, Appomattox, Va., recently was assigned as an automotive repairman with the Armor Support Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas.

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Father Darkleaf

by
Calvin Robinson

Weathervine, February is not our most popular month. Saturday is Groundhog Day and tradition has it that we will know more about weather prospects after the groundhog looks for his shadow. Maybe so, but chances are February will be crisper than the generally mild Winter of recent weeks. Birthdays of many famous people are observed in February. The Southern poet Sidney Lanier was born Feb. 3, as was Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston. Gen. John B. Gordon was born Feb. 6. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Feb. 7, Abraham Lincoln, the 12th, George Washington the 22nd. Valentine's Day the 14th. Cyrus McCormick's birthday was Feb. 15. Shrove Tuesday and the Mardi Gras last week in the month. Also Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. If February 29 is your birthday, you can celebrate the occasion to ther fullest this year. And there is no Friday the Thirteenth until June.

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It is nice to be able to come up with "An Appomattox Angle" to something of national interest. The Reader's Digest for February, starting on page 73, has an interesting article about the aviator who first broke the sound barrier. That would be Chuck Yeager, October 14, 1947. I will not go into detail about the historic event, but Yeager called Hamlin, West Virginia home and so did Mrs. Ben Marshall (Peggy) now of Appomattox. Peggy says Yeager was a neighbor and was the commencement speaker when she graduated from high school, a ceremony at which Peggy was Valedictorian.

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Virginia hunters were very successful during the wild turkey and deer season. Buckingham County is said to be tops in the state for nimrods, but Appomattox offers good hunting too. A total of 9,877 wild turkeys and 69,361 whitetailed deer was the state record.

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Note pad . . . One Sunday paper listed scores for 254 Virginia high schools in basketball. I counted'em....I looked out early one morning and thought there was a heavy fog, but turned out to be smoke from so many homes with woodburning stoves....the federal building in Farmville is known as The Abbitt building...

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If you ever had the urge to keep a diary chances are you began on a January 1 or else recorded events during a trip. In the early 1950's my wife and I left Appomattox on a January 3 and before we returned traveled 3,013 miles in the Deep South. And we kept a diary. Just came across it in my den. Gasoline averaged 32 cents per gallon and meals $5.00 per day for twol Hotel or motor court $6 to $8, double. We wrote down everything, such as passing a car in Mississippi, the car being a maroon Dodge with Alaska license 231...the Robert E. Lee hotel in Jackson....The Greasy Spoon Restaurant in (name withheld)...In St. Francisville, La., pop. 821, the Episcopal Church dated from 1826...pecans five pounds for $1.00....the elevator boy at our hotel in Atlanta was from Roanoke, Va....We spent a day at FDR's Little White House at Warm Springs...Ate Swannee River catfish at Fanning Springs...fellow traveler at the breakfast table argued that Southern grits were made in Grand Rapids, Mich...Jefferson Davis' Mississippi home was being painted...changed oil in car and got four quarts and ten gallons of gas all for $4.80. Ah yes, keep a diary long enough and you will like to read it over.

Appomattox Volunteer Firemen had to cut a hole through the roof in this house in the Meadow Lark subdivison Monday to vent heat from a fire which broke out in the upper portion of the house. The house, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palmer, was reported on fire at 12:45 p.m. and within 30 minutes the 13 firemen and 3 fire units which responded to the call had the fire under control. According to one fireman, the fire apparently started at a flue near the roof of the house in the attic. Fire damage was contained in the roof and attic, there was some water damage to the kitchen, and limited smoke damage.

Britton to meet with sewer technical officials this week

W.R. Britton, Jr., Appomattox town manager, is meeting this week with representatives of Technological Research, Inc., a subsidiary of Campbell Soup Company, Inc., and the State Water Control Board in Richmond to discuss the possibility and feasibility of an over-land flow sewer treatment facility for the Town of Appomattox.

The meeting follows a trip to Chestertown, Md., last week by various town officials to view a similar system in operation there.

Going on the trip to Maryland were Britton, Mayor Ronald Spiggle, Councilmen Bob Hubbard and Maurice Gordon, past Major Henry Pack, and town sewer operator John Harris, as well as representatives from Amelia County Board of Supervisors, three members of Chase City Town Council, two representatives from the health department, and a consulting engineer for the town.

In Chestertown last Thursday, according to Britton, the group saw a 20-year-old working over-land flow and line saturation system with solids removed prior to land application, and without any emergency holding facility.

The system operates 100 percent of the time due to the lack of holding facilities, which were not required at the time of installation.

The two representatives from the Virginia State Health Department, according to Britton, made comments that in Virginia, in accordance with the existing regulations, the pre-treatment of solids and the holding ponds would be mandatory for the system to be installed.

Britton looked at a one-year-old system in Easley, S. C. in November of last year that was working perfectly with the exception of a few design problems. The 20-year-old system in Maryland is meeting the requirements of the Maryland State Water Control Board, but as viewed by the delegation from here, could be run more efficiently.

"After viewing the two facilities, one in South Carolina and the one in Maryland," Britton said, "the operation and maintenance of this system would be much less expensive than a standard aerated lagoon system. The question is, with the requirements of the State Health Department, will it be cost effective to build this type facility in Apomattox?"

"These questions will be answered," Britton continued, "at the meeting in Richmond and then the town council may make a decision as to whether to request a cost-feasibility study as required by the EPA to change to a new and innovative method of treatment from a standard aerated lagoon system as proposed."

This feasibility study must show that the innovative technology is within 115 percent of the cost of the standard system before EPA will approve the change.

If approved, the grant would go from a 75 percent grant to an 85 percent grant from EPA and the land for the site would then become 85 percent eligible for funding, where under the proposed system the land would not be eligible for funding.

Operators and owners of the Maryland system, according to Britton, are having no problems that could not be worked out with the over-land flow system, but according to Britton, Virginia State Health Department officials are approaching the proposed system with caution."

Beef-producers' referendum set

Beef producers who wish to vote in an upcoming referendum on a national beef research program should register between now and Feb. 6 at the Appomattox Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization (ASCS) office.

Producers will vote by secret ballot February 19-22 on whether they want a nationally coordinated beef research and information program. A similar referendum, conducted in 1977, did not receive the required two-thirds approval, although it was favored nationally by 56:4 percent of voting producers. Since that time, the Beef Research and Information Act has been amended so that a

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In Appomattox schools

Handicapped program launched

A new program aimed at helping mentally handicapped students find jobs has been introduced in Appomattox County.

The program, called the "On-the-Job Training Project (OJT)" is sponsored by the National Association for Retarded Citizens and is being executed here in cooperation with the Appomattox County Schools.

In an interview this week Jean Hesson, general supervisor of Appomattox County Schools, said the program is geared toward getting local businesses involved in handicapped employment, by providing economic incentive.

Employers are reimbursed one-half the entry wage for the first four weeks of employment, and one-fourth that wage for the second four weeks, according to Hesson. "The idea is that an employer can get a good worker, and at the same time get partial compensation for wages paid during the normal training period of the particular job," she says.

The program is one way in which the Appomattox schools are pursuing a mandated duty: the responsibility of ensuring that students who leave high school have either the ability to pursue an academic career (college), or have a salable skill.

The OJT program is open to stuents enrolled in classes for the educably mentally retarded, says Hesson. "this program realizes that it's harder to find a job for handicapped students, even though our obligation to place them is the same as with other students. So we offer the money incentive to attract the interest of the businessmen.

"What many people believe -- the great misconception -- is that these are people with severe mental handicaps. They are not; they can be trained to perform useful tasks and can prove to be quite valuable to an employer, "she says.

At present, the program is in a "holding pattern." "We're waiting for a business to indicate that it wants a student placed with it. The follow-up will come through school guidance counselors and an EMR (educably mentally retarded) class teacher," Hesson says.

Hessons says that there has been limited response to the program thus far in Appomattox. Last week, a meeting was held with C. W. Witt, Jr., a field coordinator working a five-

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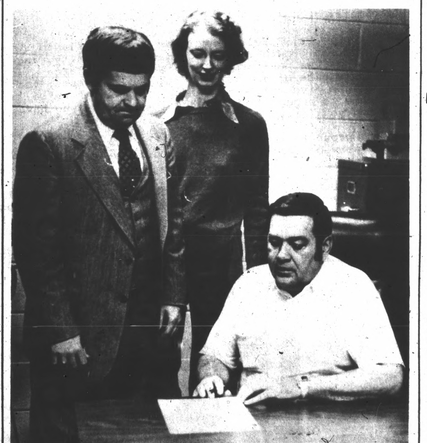

Dr. S. R. Lawson, chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, seated, is shown signing proclamation declaring the month of February to be "Appomattox Youth Art Month". Also signing the proclamation was Ronald Spiggle, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, left above, and looking on is Ms Patsy Butler, Acting Arts Department Chairman, Appomattox Junior Woman's Club. The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club wants the public to be more aware of the artistic talent of the youth of our community.

Adult education classes to start

Registration for second-semester adult education classes will start this week, according to R. B. Carter, coordinator of adult education in Appomattox.

Adults who are interested and want to participate in classes offered this semester should register now by calling 352-8253 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or by mailing a registration form to the school board office. A class schedule and registration form is located inside this week's Times-Virginian.

"It is very important that persons pre-register for classes," according to Carter. "Pre-registration is used to determine whether enrollment is sufficient to offer a particular class. An enrollment of ten persons is required for a class to be offered."

Persons wanting additional information regarding this semester's adult education classes may call the school board office at 352-8253.

Two die in rail-car accident

Two Appomattox men were killed when the car in which they were riding was struck by a freight train last Wednesday just west of the Appomattox town limits.

James Perry Ayers, 34, and Charlie Evans Mayberry, 36, were killed instantly when a Norfolk and Western freight train enroute to Roanoke struck the 1979 Chevrolet which Mayberry was driving, according to Virginia State Police.

The car was stalled or stopped on a private road crossing 2.2 miles north of town at 11:30 a.m., police say. The train crew saw that the vehicle was stopped on the track and tried to stop the train, but it just wouldn't stop in time, according to state trooper J. W. Howard.

After impact, the vehicle was pushed approximately 13 feet down the track and then thrown off the south side of the track, where it hit a pole after travelling a total of 89 feet, according to Howard.

The engineer of the freight train, which had departed from Norfolk, was George Bussey of Montvale, Va.

Howard said the vehicle was a complete loss.

No charges have been placed as yet, according to state police, and the accident is under investigation.

Two Appomattox men died when a train struck this automobile west of the town limits Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. The vehicle, which was driven by Charlie Evans Mayberry, 36, was declared a total loss by state police.